

Remarks

Claims 1, 4-5, 10, 35-38, 45-47, 53-63 are pending in the present application.

Claims 2-3, 6, 8-9, 11-34, 39, 41-44, and 48-52 are cancelled.

Each of the independent claims is amended to recite a GalNAcT, PAX3, MAGE-A3, and MART-1 marker genes and “the mRNA transcripts being obtained from nucleic acid.” Claim 63 is amended to depend from claim 58.

Conclusion

The foregoing amendments are presented pursuant to a telephone discussion with Examiner Sean Aeder on December 6, 2010. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been addressed and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the earliest convenience.

The Petition fee of \$555.00 is being filed electronically herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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